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SUBJECT: U.S. OPPOSES UN PAY INCREASE

REF: STATE 249415; STATE 2356

1. I DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT TO FONMIN RAMPHAL ON NOV 21. HE SAID HE WANTED TO REVIEW MATTER WITH FONOFF STAFF AND GUYANA DEL BEFORE GIVING ME A REPLY. I REMINDED HIM OF SUBJECT AGAIN NOV 27, DAY BEFORE HE LEFT FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO HAVANA. HE SAID HE HAD HAD DIFFICULTY REACHING GUYANA PERM REP TO UN (RASHLEIGH JACKSON) BY PHONE, BUT HE WOULD INSTRUCT ACTING PERM SECY IN FONOFF (LLOYD SEARWAR) TO DISCUSS MATTER BY PHONE WITH GUYANA DEL (MILES STOBY) AND HE HIMSELF WOULD DISCUSS WITH JACKSON WHO WOULD BE JOINING HIM IN HAVANA. ON RECEIPT STATE 262356, I PHONED SEARWAR TO APPRISE HIM OF URGENCY IN DEALING WITH MATTER.

2. SEARWAR PHONED ME DEC 2 TO REPORT RESULTS HIS DISCUSSION SAME DAY WITH STORY, AS FOLLOWS: A) GUYANA BACKED U.S. POSITION IN 1971 IN OPPOSING PAY INCREASE, WHICH WAS VOTED FAVORABLY BY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY; B) STORY BELIEVES PAY INCREASE WARRANTED BY RECENT DRAMATIC RISE IN COST-OF-LIVING IN NUMEROUS COUNTRIES; AND C) GROUP OF 77 OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF PROPOSED INCREASE.

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3. WHEN I BEGAN TO GO OVER SOME OF ARGUMENTS IN OUR AIDE

MEMOIRE, SEARWAR BLANDLY SAID HE HAD NOT RPT NOT READ IT, AND  
THOUGHT FONMIN RAMPHAL MUST HAVE TAKENIT WITH HIM TO DISCUSS WITH  
JACKSON IN HAVANA. I CAME DOWN HARD ON UOTE DOUBLE STANDARD  
UNQUOTE ARGUMENT, NOTING THAT IF MEMBERS ANTED TO ADOPT A NEW  
BASIS FOR SETTING UN SALARY SCALE BY TAKING A QUOTE BASKET  
UNQUOTE OF DEVELOPED NATIONS CIVIL SERVICE SALARY SCALES, RESULT  
WOULD BE DECREASE IN UN SCALE. I ALSO ASKED HIM POINTEDLY IF  
HIS DELEGATION HAD GIVEN THOUGHT TO WHERE MONEY WOULD COME FROM IN  
PRESENT CONDITION OF UN BUDGET. IN END, I URGED HIM TO GO BACK TO  
STORY AND AK LATTER TO GET FULLBRIEFING FROM U.S. DEL.

4. SEARWAR SAID STORY ALSO INDICATED DEBATE ON ITEM NOW SCHEDULED  
NEXT WEEK, AND I SAID IN THAT EVENT I WOULD WANT TO TALK TO FONMIN  
AGAIN WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HAVANA ON DEC 4.

5. ACTION REQUEST: SUGGEST USUN SEEK OUT STORY TO IMPRESS UPON HIM  
LOGIC OF OUR POSITION. PLEASE KEEP ME POSTED ON THIS AND ANY  
OTHER RELEVANT ASPECT OF SITUATION FOR GUIDANCE IN MY NEXT TALK  
WITH RAMPHAL.

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